Conversion of Shamlaji-Vapi Highways As National Highway

1338. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of the State Government of Gujarat for conversion of State Highway Shamlaji-Modasa-Godhra-Halolo-Rajpipla-Vapi No. 5 (505 Kms) into National Highway during the Ninth Five-Year Plan is under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the same will be done in the next Five-Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Construction of Overbridges on NH.5

1339. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct the road overbridges at Railway crossings on the National Highway No. 5 between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada to ease congestion, convenience and safety of the people besides free flow of traffic; and

(b) if so, the provisions made and steps taken to issue early sanction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This portion of National Highway No. 5 being part of "Golden Quadrilateral" is proposed to be widened to 4-lane. This will include replacement of existing Railway Level Crossings by ROBs. NHAI has already engaged a consultant for design & project preparation activities.

After completion of project preparation, the project will be